

VILLAGE OF MOUNT STERLING, OHIO
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Anderson at 1:00 pm

Attending the meeting: Mayor Lowell Anderson
 Council Member Jim Davis

Council Member Rebecca Burns
 Council Member Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff

Council Member David Timmons
 Village Solicitor Mark Pitstick
 Courtney Bricker Fiscal Officer

Council Member Diane Spradlin

Mayor's Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Department Reports: None

A resolution declaring the individual pay rate of each of the Village employees and declaring an emergency 1st reading

Ordinance: N/A		Resolution: 2017-23		COMMENTS/DISCUSSION: Burns- Due to the fiscal emergency that the Village is under. The rates are fair compared to other entities. We are paying an additional \$720.00 monthly and over \$37,000 yearly. It is the responsibility of the Village to make the right decisions. We need to be thinking about upcoming expenditures such as tax abatement, new water plant loans. Increasing payroll is irresponsible and she did not feel right for voting to keep current pay rate. Timmons- We need to keep the best interest of the citizens and tax payers in mind. Re sending the wages back prior to raises is good for the Village. Ratliff- We are currently in the black in the general fund before cutting the pay wages. Suggested to freeze pay now until 2019. Spradlin- Stated that the pay raises were not approved by Council, they were illegal. Council needs to make sure the money is spent correctly by obeying the ORC, cannot go forward with being illegal. I don't think that the next Mayor should be restricted till 2019. The public is confused. We now have the state auditors advising and instructing proper legislation. Pitstick- Employees will be paid at the rate in which they were making prior to the May 2016 raises.
Motion	Timmons			
2 ND	Ratliff			
Voice Vote	YES	NO		
	Burns		X	
	Davis	X		
	Spradlin		X	
	Ratliff	X		
	Timmons		X	
Result of Vote: Passed:				Failed: X

Committee Reports:

Finance: No Report

Parks and Recreation: No Report

Tri-County Fire District: No Report

Sterling Joint Ambulance District: No Report

Pleasant Township: No Report

Festival: No report

Round Table: No Report

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Anderson at 1:12 pm

Respectfully submitted:


Courtney Bucker
Fiscal Officer


Lowell G. Anderson, Mayor